

# Among The Live Boosters For The League



**HERMAN LEMATTA.**

Herman Lematta, near Guelph, N. Dak. was born in Norway and came with his parents to N. D. in 1883. He farmed all his life and is a strong Leaguer.



**H. E. JURY.**

H. E. Jury was born in Illinois in 1877. He moved to Nebraska in early life and came to North Dakota in 1910. He has farmed all his life and sees the value of the League.



**C. E. DINSMORE & OSCAR BILLEY.**

This is a picture of C. E. Dinsmore and Oscar Billey, of VanMeter Township, near Ellendale, N. D. threshing the Dinsmore crop. They are both boosters for the League.



**JOHN A. SKOGLUND**

John A. Skoglund was born in Gotenberg, Sweded in 1879. He came to N. Dak. in 1904 and settled near Geulph where he has farmed ever since. He is a League booster.

Northwood township is not finished yet but Hans Tufte has promised to arrange it so that the organizer will have clear sailing.

John Peitron of Avon joined the League last spring, so when his son asked him to go out with the organizer a day he didn't hesitate. He had some cement work to do but considered the organization of his township the most pressing.

Halvor Thompson of Walle township is about ready to retire but did not begrudge \$8.00 and a half day's time to help the organizer reach his neighbors.

T. J. Ronan of Ferry township was

the first man approached by our organizer in his vicinity. Mr. Ronan not only signed up, but dropped his work and went along and got twenty more.

Peter Stromsodt of Rye township spent two days with the organizer and his township shows it.

Ole H. Brenna did not stop with his own name. When he got out of the organizer's car at noon Brenna township had twelve more farmers in the League, including his two sons.

Blooming township appears on the League map through the efforts of Lewis Johnson. Mr. Johnson could

have been plowing that day but he considered organization the most important and tied up his team to help the organizer.

August Marquardt of Michigan township, not only put his team in the barn and accompanied the organizer but also did the talking wherever it was necessary to talk German. Mr. Marquardt donated, nearly two days' time to the League and counts it time well spent.

Thomas Kenmir helped put Chester township on the map and then overhauled and tuned up the League auto while the organizer was making his report. Who says farmers cannot co-operate?

Hugh Marshall saw to it that the organizer had a good chicken dinner before he went out with him, which perhaps partly explains why Oakville township needn't be ashamed of its showing.

The mills, elevators, railways, and banks are this year taking from North Dakota farmers an amount equal to the entire wheat crop of 1915 if sold at a dollar a bushel.

A farmer divided against himself cannot stand.

If the Nonpartisan League keeps on the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce will have to send their lobbies here in submarines.

## Thousands Are Hungry While Food Rots

Chicago, Nov. 20.—A lot of people were hungry. This man started out to feed them. Last winter he fed 100,000 men. Not one of them paid a cent for his meal. It was a big job of needed charity. No good advice was mixed with the food. When that was asked for or was plainly needed it came after the grub. The best advice won't go far with a man whose belly is empty.

While he was out drubbing up free raw material for 100,000 meals the man ran his nose hard into a big economic problem. He uncovered a situation which is a sad reflection on the boasted efficiency of the American business man. He would like to know what Chicago business men are going to do about it?

### Gets Supply in Michigan.

He simply crossed Lake Michigan. On the side he left thousands of people who rarely get enough to eat; who never get fresh fruit and fresh vegetables, because they cannot afford to pay the prices asked for them.

On the other side of the lake he found hundreds of tons of cabbages, turnips, potatoes, and other vegetables which were rotting on the

ground because they could not be sold for enough to pay the cost of raising them. He found whole orchards of peaches and pears, hanging heavy with fruit, which the owners could not even afford to pick at the prices offered by the Chicago markets.

### Loses Money Packing Fruit.

One man, for instance, picked, sorted, and packed 800 barrels of apples and shipped them to Chicago. What he got out of the shipment was a request to send a check for \$3 to pay the balance of the freight. His net return on 2,000 bushels of prime fruit was a deficit of \$3 plus the cost of picking, sorting, barrels, and hauling. The total loss on the crop was at least \$500.

On one side of the lake thousands of tons of food going to waste because the producers can't afford to ship it. On the other thousands of people going hungry because they can't afford to buy food. And fifty miles of smooth water between them.

In Michigan a thousand bushels of peaches hanging on the trees until they drop to the ground. In Chicago women and children sinking down

South Water Street in the twilight, picking half-rotted fruit.

### Dr. Myres "the Angel."

The man is the Rev. Johnston Myers of Immanuel Baptist church. Dr. Myers did not stop with making a nice, little easy theoretical investigation. He went over to Michigan last fall to speak at a Sunday school convention. When he saw the fruit and vegetables going to waste on the Michigan farms he changed the subject of his address. He asked the Michigan farmers, some of whom faced the loss of a large part of their crops, to lose a little more in the name of Christian charity.

"If I raise money to pay the freight to Chicago and attend to the hauling and distribution of the stuff among the poor of that city, will you put some of your surplus fruit and produce abroad the cars here in Michigan free of charge?"

It was a good deal to ask, but they sent several carloads of fresh fruit and vegetables to the pastor of Immanuel church and he saw that thousands of baskets were sent out to poor families.

### Tons of Vegetables Rot.

Taking the whole state of Michigan

it is estimated that at least two-thirds of the total peach crop was rot even picked from the trees this year. It was a total loss and waste of thousands of tons of food. To complicate the situation, August Geweke, president of the Cook County Farmers and Truck Growers' union, declares that every year within ten or fifteen miles of Chicago tons of vegetables are allowed to rot in heaps on the ground because the price paid in the local market will not cover the cost of hauling them to town.

Dr. Myres points to the contrast which such a situation presents to the conditions now prevailing in Europe. In Germany, France, England, and practically all the warring countries the government has taken control of the food supply. Every scrap of food material is husbanded by government order and great campaigns are being conducted to teach people how to get the most out of everything which can be raised.

Meanwhile in Chicago and in every other American city thousands of people go hungry almost within sight of cheap and everplentiful food supplies.